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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
 FOR WEEK ENDING 06-Apr-02 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	04/06/02	03/30/02
BRO-FRY	160,045	154,490
LT HENS	2,152	1,949
HVY HENS	1,306	1,293

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA  
 WEEKS ENDING 30-MAR-02 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
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HEAD U N A V A I L A B L E

LAST WEEK

SAME WK YR AGO

TO DATE 2002

TO DATE 2001

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SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
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HEAD

LAST WEEK

SAME WK YR AGO

TO DATE 2002

TO DATE 2001

U N A V A I L A B L E

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
 WEEK ENDING 30-Mar-02 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	146,133 (A)	1,978	1,250	3,228
AVG WT	5.31	3.41	7.99	5.18
LAST WEEK	151,624	1,812	1,360	3,172
SAME WEEK YR AGO	150,228	2,043	1,323	3,366
AVG WT	5.02	3.49	7.89	5.22
TO-DATE/2002	1,976,909	23,320	16,758	40,078
TO-DATE/2001	1,944,690	24,324	16,689	41,013

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 155.9 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 147.9 million head or 8 million head less than or 95 percent of estimated fryers available.

(R) Revised

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,  
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING March 30, 2002**

(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE      (B) RETAIL      (C) DEBONING  
4.20 LBS & DOWN      4.21-5.25 LBS      5.26 LBS & UP  
-----THOUSANDS-----

HEAD	24,096	24,088	49,831
AVG WEIGHT	3.77	4.70	6.13
% OF TOTAL /1	25%	25%	51%
COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	26,705	29,710	47,559
AVG WEIGHT	3.82	4.79	6.15
% OF TOTAL /1	26%	29%	46%
SAME WEEK, YR AGO /2	33,566	21,646	50,691
AVG WEIGHT	3.83	4.67	6.00
% OF TOTAL /1	32%	20%	48%
TO DATE/2002	374,445	284,745	564,289
TO DATE/2001	384,331	307,083	524,806

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 30-Mar-02  
(THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,584	2,512	21	1	4,118
AVG WT	16.63	35.56	26.25	52.45	28.23
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS					
LAST WEEK	1,795	2,682	52	10	4,539
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,068	2,615	31	31	4,745
AVG WT	16.77	34.80	26.82	20.66	26.84
TO-DATE/2002	22,367	33,858	532	105	56,862
TO-DATE/2001	25,202	34,362	484	226	60,274

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.  
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